(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Threat of closure faced by Telecom Component manufacturers

1910. SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI :

SHRI E. BALANANDAN :

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be plased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that several telecom component manufacturers are without orders for the last one year and facing closures; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The Government has not received any information regarding telecom component manufacturer being wihout orders and facing closure.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

Restoration of disrupted Telephone Services

1911. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the telephone services have been disrupted in several parts of the country due to floods, rain and cyclone; and

(b) if so, the details of the steps taken to restore the telephone services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) and (b). No serious disruption of service has occurred in the country during this rainy season. Breakdowns of cables are being attended round the clock under the personal supervision of field officers and these are being monitored on daily basis at the highest level in the Circles as well as in the Telecom Directorate, New Delhi.

Automatic Telephone Exchanges in Orissa

1912. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of Automatic Telephone Exchanges in Orissa;

(b) whether Government have a proposal to increase the number of Automatic Telephone Exchanges in the country;

(c) if so, the steps taken in this regard in Orissa during the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(d) the projections made for Nineth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) 661: As on 30-6-94.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) So far, during the Eighth Plan 124 number of Automatic Exchanges have been added up to 30-6-94 and 99 more—are likely to be opened by the end of Eighth Plan in Orissa.

(d) Estimated demand for telephones in Orissa Circle is likely to reach 308900 by the year 2002 AD.

Shortage of Instruments in MTNL

1913. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. (MTNL) has been facing acute shortage of equipments to be installed in the telephone exchanges due to which delay is caused in replacement of old exchanges;

(b) if so the steps taken to overcome the problems; and

(c) the details of the remedial measures taken by the MTNL and Government?